

ployed youths in Delhi by employing them at low wages and taking work from them for more than eight hours a day without any extra remuneration; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to deal with Institutions/persons who are taking advantage of the large scale unemployment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) As per Delhi Administration nosuch case has come to their notice. However, from time to time complaints are received from workers/unions alleging that some of the employers are paying less than the rates fixed under the Minimum Wages Act by the Delhi Administration and also taking work from them for more than eight hours a day, without paying any extra remuneration.

(b) As and when such complaints are received, enquiries are made by the Delhi Administration and employers are persuaded to rectify the short comings. Still if the Management does not rectify the same even after the persuasion, prosecutions are launched against the defaulting employers under the relevant provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

Reopening of Ashok Paper Mill

4452. SHRI UDDHAB BAR

MAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned for the re-opening of the Ashok Paper Mills at Jogighopa, Assam as per Assam Accord;

(b) the amount released so far;

(c) the purpose for which the said amount has been released; and

(d) the time by which the rest of the amount is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) An amount of Rs. 67.08 crores has been sanctioned by the Government of India underthe Rehabilitation Package drawn up for revival for Ashok Paper Mills, Jogighopa.

(b) and (c). An amount of Rs. 10.69 crores has been released to the Government of Assam in the shape of grants-in-aid as a part payment to cover 50% of the liabilities by way of promoters contribution and total outstanding statutory payments on account of wages etc. (Rs. 2.30 crores plus Rs. 8.39 crores) as provided in the Rehabilitation Packages.

(d) The release of the rest of the amount will be contingent on actual disbursement and requirement.

'No Industry Districts' in Assam

4453. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in Assam including in the list of no-industry districts;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up industrial units in those districts;

(c) if so, by what time the industrial units are proposed to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Lakhimpur and North Cachar Hills are the No-industry districts in Assam.

(b) to (d) Industrialisation of a specific

districts/area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplements their efforts to the extent possible.

Norms for Registration of Small Industrial Units

4455. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently laid down any new norms for registration of small industrial units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Findings of Research Team of International Commission on Peace and Food

4456. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the research team of the International Commission on Peace and Food has come to the conclusion that a minimum of 100 million new jobs are needed by the year 2000 in the unorganised sector to achieve full employment and eradicate poverty as reported in the Economic Times dated November 19, 1991;

(b) if so, the other findings of the team;

(c) whether the Government have examined these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The International Commission on Peace and Food is an international non-Governmental organisation headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. The said report has been presented in a seminar organised by Dr. V. Kurien, Chairman, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Anand, in November 1991. The findings of the team are in the form of a strategy statement which emphasises that there is potential to increase employment with emphasis on higher productivity, income through extension of irrigation and Green Revolution to areas not hitherto covered and having enough potential, waste land development, and diversification of agriculture to other productive activities like horticulture, aquaculture, sericulture, and agroprocessing, etc. The thrust areas for agriculture during the Eighth Plan, which is under formulation, adequately deals with the above aspects.

Funds for Public Sector Undertakings

4457. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government may not be able to provide any additional fund for the Public Sector during the Eighth Five Plan;

(b) if so, whether the Government have also taken a decision that no public sector undertaking would expand in the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(c) if so, the main reasons thereof;

(d) whether the Public Sector Undertakings have been urged to make profits;

(e) whether the Government propose to consider the public undertakings which incurred losses as sick; and